

## A Vital Question.

EDITOR EVENING STAR:

I was much pleased with the sentiment expressed in your salutatory, which read: "We shall have fixed opinions upon all moral, political and financial questions and dare to express them fully and freely when necessary."

The public press wields a great influence upon the community in which it circulates, either for good or for evil. It is the auditory nerve, so to speak, of the people and consequently wields more or less influence, according to its ability. I desire therefore through the columns of your paper to say a few words, by way of eliciting some information upon a subject of vital importance to all.

It is this: Some time about the beginning of the year, two large christian denominations in their sessions (the Methodist in their annual conference at Jacksonville, and the Baptists in convention at Leesburg) addressed the following resolutions to the legislature of the state of Florida:

"We, the undersigned voters of the state of Florida, respectfully petition that at the approaching session of your honorable body you will enact such suitable legislation as may be necessary in order to submit to the voters of the said state at the general election in 1896, for their ratification or rejection, an amendment to the constitution of Florida prohibiting within the limits of said state the further sale or manufacture of alcoholic liquors of every description, excepting only such as are absolutely necessary for medicinal or mechanical purposes, and providing such restrictions and safeguards as will limit the sale to the two purposes mentioned."

These resolutions with the petition to the Legislature were sent to every charge in the state and were largely signed by the voters of the state. In our own city the petition was signed by many of our most influential citizens. The petition as signed was forwarded to the pastor of the church at Tallahassee and by him handed to the Legislature in session. Now sir, we as citizens and voters of the state wish to know what disposition was made of our petition. Please call the attention of that "August Body" to this, and we would like to know what our representatives did, or said about it.

W. L. DITTO.

## Tampering with Mail Locks.

New York World.

The locks on the mail pouches are so constructed that it is impossible to open one without its betraying the secret. There is a little dial on the lock and every time the lock is opened the figures on the dial move up one. Suppose, for instance, that the register shows 1147 at the point of departure, and that when the pouch is delivered at the point of destination the lock is opened, the register will show 1148. This increase of one is made for each trip of the pouch and eventually the number reaches 9999, which in an average bag requires 35 years to reach. The bag is then taken apart and the numbers are reset.

These locks were first introduced in 1881 and a mail clerk made a bold attempt to rob a bag in transit soon after their introduction. He took a small turning lathe in the car with him to aid in the scheme. After unlocking the bag he rifled the contents and connected up the lathe to the lock. His idea was to twist the numbers around until they were the same as before the lock was touched. He set the lathe humming and soon he was off the numbers up to 9999.

when to his consternation the register remained at that figure and refused to move any more. The lock must be taken apart before it will start at No. 1 again, but he did not know this. The trick was, of course, discovered and the guilty clerk punished. Since then the locks have never been tampered with.

June 25, general excursion for white Sunday schools. Plant system will sell tickets Ocala to Weir Park and return for 25c. Steamer service Weir Park to Chautauqua grounds. Special train will pass Ocala 9 a. m., and to insure ample room two extra coaches will be added at Ocala. Free ice water and general good time. Tickets on sale Tuesday evening at Ocala house or Florida Southern depot.

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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court in and for Marion county, Florida, in a matter wherein Mrs. Elizabeth V. Tompkins is plaintiff and H. L. Anderson as assignee of the late firm of Tompkins Bros., composed of W. T. Tompkins and W. D. Tompkins, defendants, I have levied upon and will on Wednesday, the 3d day of July, 1895, sell to the highest and bidder for cash, within the legal hours of sale, on lot 557 of the townsite of Dunnellon, in the town of Dunnellon, Marion county, Fla., the same being the leased premises upon which said property is located, the following described personal property, to wit:

Four pieces of pants cloth; three pieces of cambric; two pieces of lining; 2 pieces of flannel; one lot ladies' hose; 14 pieces of gingham; 5 pieces check homespun; 12 pieces of yellow homespun; 7 pieces of white goods; 18 pieces of dress goods; 21 pieces of calicoes; 133 pairs pants; 92 coats and vests; lot ladies' vests; lot men's undershirts; lot ladies' waists; lot corsets (24); lot frilling; lot ladies' belts; lot albums (8); lot lace; lot men's scarfs; two men's overcoats; four alpaca coats; 2 doz. napkins; lot collars; lot handkerchiefs; lot gloves; lot picture frames; lot note paper; box note paper; lot suspenders; lot memorandum books and pads; lot towels; lot hardware; lot drugs; dozen axes; keg powder; 5 doz. bottles of extracts; dozen syrup pitchers; 42 tin buckets; dozen goblets; lot lamp wicks; three meat dishes; dozen dish pans; lot of chimneys and lamp globes; lot of paint in pound boxes; lot of plow castings; lot of sapolio (25); 2 doz. cans corn; 18 cans cherries; 18 cans 7 lb. tomatoes; 26 boxes diamond dust; 10 pounds of North Carolina tobacco; dozen bottles catsup; dozen plates; two cans, and tea in said cans; lot shirts; lot pants (27); lot coats (20); one show case and contents; lot of cheap shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes (27 pairs); 9 pairs of ladies' shoes; 3 pairs patent leather pumps; 117 pairs gents' shoes; 15 pairs of shoes; 83 pairs of ladies' shoes assorted; 3 trunks; 800 lbs. nails; showcase and 13 ladies' trimmed hats; lot straw hats; lot men's hats; lot of embroidery; 4 white vests; 2 alpaca coats and vests; 5 boys' suits; 7 white coats; 10 light suits; 26 umbrellas; showcase and contents; thread case and contents; showcase and contents; 11 ax handles; a pair iron hammers; 3 pair scales; coffee mill; box potash; lot stove pipe and elbows; 3 spiders; roll wire netting; oil tank; 5 lbs. of ball twine; 2 snatches; 1 heater and lot pipe; 8 valves; showcase and contents; thread case and lot buttons; 2 hanging lamps complete (B. & L.); 1 mackintosh coat; 5 antlers; 20 split baskets; iron safe (Moser Safe & Lock Co.); office stool; wood desk; 2 pairs trace chains; lot of crockery; plow stock; 13 cases 3 lb. tomatoes; 20 cases 2 lb. tomatoes; barrel fuses; 12 joints stove pipe; lot lamp chimneys; or so much thereof as will satisfy said execution and costs.

B. DUPRE HODGE, Sheriff Marion county, Fla.

ALBERT WRIGHT, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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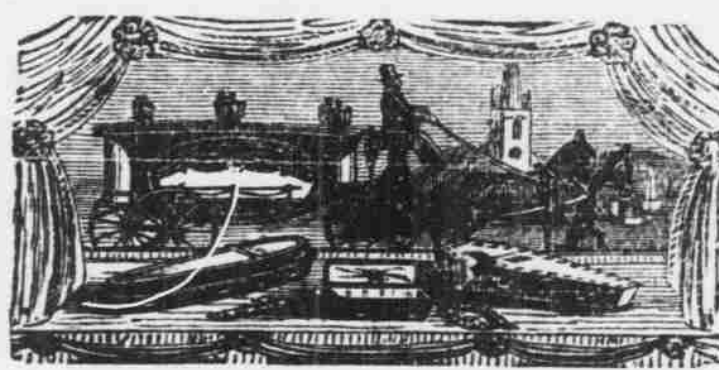
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